

CLASSIFICATION **SECRET**COUNTRY East Germany REPORT TOPIC 1. KVP Section of the Ministry of the Interior 25X12. KVP Verfassungstruppen (Special Purpose Troops)EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 25X1DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 1 September 1955 25X1REFERENCES PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. The transfer of the offices of the KVP Section of the Ministry of the Interior from Schnellerstrasse to Strausberg, which had originally been planned for 28 June, was postponed until 1 August.
2. On 11 July, 5 officers assigned to the Billeting Department of the KVP Section of the Ministry of the Interior were discharged because they refused to give up their connections with their relatives in West Germany and West Berlin. Civilian employees of the KVP were discharged for similar reasons. KVP officers and civilian employees who were ~~employed~~ in a home for bachelors had to turn in their radio sets. ~~They~~ were replaced by centrally controlled loudspeakers. 1
3. In about early July, AAA units in the strength of about 300 men, 25 trucks and 6 light AA guns moved from the KVP installation at Eggersdorf to a tent camp in the Giersdorfer Forst north of Strausberg. The units returned on 14 July. On 15 July, other AAA units in about the same strength left with 4 light AA guns for the tent camp.
4. It was rumored that 18 AT guns, reportedly of a caliber of 45 mm, had arrived at the installation in late June. 2
5. Prior to early August, an area of 10,000 square meters of forest was cleared ~~between Strausberg and Lake Stienitz~~ and Lake Stienitz, south of Eggersdorf. ~~An installation camp was~~ scheduled to be set-up in the cleared area.
6. In early August, the chief of the Forest Department of the KVP was Captain Senf. 3

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7. On 11 and 13 July, KVP personnel were being trained on 4 x 37-mm and 4 x 85-mm AA guns respectively in the billeting area of installation Eggersdorf. At about mid-night on 12 July, the guard unit left the installation on foot. Security on the march was observed. The unit was followed by vehicles of the AAA unit and the motor transport unit. At about 0600 on 13 July, the unit returned to the installation. Between 15 July and 4 August, several companies were daily seen doing drill and practicing aiming with submachine guns and machine guns. Field training was also given. The instructors wore red collar patches. Details with 10 to 12 dogs were repeatedly seen leaving the installation. 4
8. On 2 and 3 August, aiming practices with 4 x 85-mm AA guns and one fire control director were held in the billeting area of the installation in the presence of a Soviet officer. The AA guns were placed in a semicircle around the director and were connected with cables to the set. Red flags were used for communications between the battery commander, platoon leaders and section chiefs.
9. In early August, no four-barrelled AA guns were seen at the installation. The guns observed in early April which were believed to have been four-barrelled AA guns were covered with tarpaulins. It is, therefore, possible that they had been incorrectly identified as four-barrelled guns.
10. The Officers' House completed by 30 July was not accepted by Lieutenant Colonel Seifert because of structural defects. The bricks required for the new ~~garages~~, each of which was to have 18 doors, were being shipped to the installation. 5
11. On 3 August, five companies in the strength of about 400 men had fallen in in the billeting area of installation Eggersdorf. The soldiers of two companies wore red and the soldiers of three companies wore red-bordered black collar patches.
12. In early August, three blocks of the Buchenwald Kaserne quartered about 350 KVP personnel. About 10% of them were officers. Most of the soldiers seen wore black collar patches. Details of up to 90 men were seen doing drill and fatigue duties. From 10 to 12 vehicles were parked in one of the garages. Two partially covered machines, probably mobile pile drivers, were seen in a corner of the installation. 6
13. In early July, KVP soldiers wearing olive-drab uniforms were observed ~~conducting off an area~~ extending far to the east and north of the KVP billeting area, in the wooded area east of the Niederlehme, Ziegenhals and Wernsdorf highway, where firing practices were held. 7
14. It was learned that an officer of the KVP unit stationed near Ziegenhals was to go to the USSR for a three-year training course in early July. The preceding course, which was also attended by officers of this unit, was reportedly completed in late June. 8

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15. On 17 June, Colonel (med) Dr. Eitner was chief of the Central KVP Hospital at Bad Saarow. The hospital had two surgical departments, one medical department, one gynaecological department and one ear-throat and nose department. A total of five surgeons and about 60 assistant medical officers were assigned to the hospital.

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1. Comment. Until now, only civilian employees of the KVP had been discharged for the reason stated.

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2. Comment. Since late 1954, it has been repeatedly reported that AT guns of various calibers were observed at the Eggeradorf installation. This information has never been definitely verified.

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The AT guns, if actually observed, were probably parked there temporarily.

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3. Comment. According to available information, The Real Estate Department of the Billeting Administration of the KVP Section of the Ministry of the Interior includes a Forestry Sub-Department. Captain Senft has so far been thought to be assigned to the Finance Department of the KVP Section of the Ministry of the Interior.

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4. Comment. the KVP dog kennel and dog handler school moved from Niederlehme to Strausberg in the summer of 1954. The school is probably attached to guard regiment of the KVP Section of the Ministry of the Interior.

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5. Comment. Lieutenant Colonel Seifert who was previously a major, is known to be the commanding officer of the guard regiment of the KVP Section of the Ministry of the Interior.

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6. Comment. The type of unit stationed at the installation and its superior headquarters are still unknown.

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7. Comment. This information tends to confirm the signal regiment of the KVP Section of the Ministry of the Interior which is being carried at Niederlehme.

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